SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable to the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word and life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

Hymns and liturgy are in the RED hymnal unless noted otherwise.
**** Indicates to stand if you are able.***

GATHERING

Prelude & Bell
Welcome & Announcements
Confession & Forgiveness pg. 94
* Opening Hymn: "*My Lord, What a Morning"* #438
Greeting
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
* Gospel Acclamation pg. 142
* Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13
Children's Message
Message
Hymn of the Day: *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* #244
Statement of Faith; Apostles' Creed pg. 235
Prayers of the Church: *God, in your mercy,* hear our prayer.
Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering | Offertory Prayer
The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer pg. 145
Communion Distribution
Communion Hymn: *"When Peace is like a River"* #785
Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Blessing
*** Sending Hymn: *"Blessed Assurance"* #638
Dismissal

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Cheryl Higgins and family on the death of her sister, Julie Monroe's sister for healing, Al Watson, Jim Thraen, those who serve in the military, families or victims of war, those affected by natural disasters, and those in nursing homes or are homebound.

Prayers of celebration for the birth of Alisande Allaben's grandson Samuel
Jeanne Zavada for comfort
Family and friends of Yolanda Jobe's friend David on his passing.
Shelly's mother, Julie for prayers for a safe recovery after surgery.
Paul Hansen (Griffin's Daycare Provider's Spouse) for strength and healing as he goes through cancer treatment.
Grand-nephew of Pam Gades for ongoing medical issues, and Pam's brother, Bruce for prayers as he goes through
cancer treatment.
Nevaeh Marshall: for strength and peace.
People of Israel and Palestine: for peace and protection from violence.
People of Ukraine: for peace and safety.
People of Iran: for peace and safety.

Please notify the office if/when you would like a prayer request added or your prayer request removed.

WORSHIP SERVANTS at FIRST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Ushers: *Steve Just, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Jon Ulrich*
Lector: *Shana Ulrich* Nursery: *Amy Dougherty*
Acolytes: *Ashlyn Williamson & Kenzie Just*
Communion Prep: *Kahla Gillespie*
Communion Server: *Laurie Feuchtenberger*
Video: *Tony Feuchtenberger* TV slides: *Aubrey Williamson*
Accompanist: *Deb Mahoney*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Ushers: *Bob Heck, Doug & Sharon Ehlers*
Lector: *Allyn Plattner* Nursery: *Pam Wiese*
Acolytes: *Zoe Krosch & Wes Odello*
Communion Prep: *Judy Buro*
Communion Server: *Millie Tschetter*
Video: *Mike Odello* TV slides: *Brenna Jergenson*
Accompanist: *Suzanne Smith*

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welcome

TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
8:00am: Pancake Breakfast
8:30-9:15am: Sunday school
9:30am: Worship at FIRST; fellowship/coffee hour following

Monday, November 9
1:00pm: Worship & Music Committee meeting

Tuesday, November 10
11:00am: Pastors' Text Study
7:00pm: Church Council meeting

Wednesday, November 11
12:00pm: Brown Bag Bible Study at FEDERATED
6:30pm: Element Leader meeting at FIRST
(Element and Fusion will NOT be meeting)
7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal at FEDERATED

Thursday, November 12
no events scheduled

Friday, November 13
no events scheduled

Saturday, November 14
8:00am: Men's Bible Study at FAITH
12:30pm: Seniors on the Move Elder Care visits

Sunday, November 15
9:30am: Worship at FEDERATED with fellowship following
Sunday school held during worship service

ANNOUNCEMENTS for FIRST and FEDERATED

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, November 15: 9:30am at FEDERATED with fellowship following; Sunday school held during worship
- Sunday, November 22: 9:30am at FIRST with fellowship following; Sunday school held from 8:30-9:15am

First Lutheran Silent Auction: Take a look at all the great auction items in the lower Narthex! On-line bidding through Zielsdorf Auction closes on Nov 9. An online bidding link is available on First's website at www.flcmorris.org. Proceeds benefit the Fusion Youth Ministry.

Thank you to all that helped to make our annual fall dinner a success. We couldn't do it without you! Proceeds from the dinner benefit the Stevens County Food Shelf, Salvation Army & Lutheran World Hunger.

Fusion & Element: Element and Fusion will not meet on November 11, but an Element Leader meeting will take place that night at 6:30pm at FIRST.

ThankOffering Collection containers and donation envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please pick one up and collect your loose change. Money from this collection goes to support the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA. We will collect the offerings at church on *November 22*, or they can be dropped off at the church office.

Faith Lutheran Meatball Supper on *Wednesday, November 11 from 4:30-7:00pm.* Tickets are $15 for adults, $6 for children 10 & under, free for preschoolers. Menu: meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, lefse and pumpkin dessert. Dine-in or Take-out.

November Food Drive During the month of November, First and Federated will hold a food drive in support of the Stevens County Food Shelf. Donations can be dropped off at either church. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make your check payable to the church and write 'Food Shelf' in the memo line.

Brown Bag Bible Study on *Wed., November 11 at 12pm at FEDERATED.* Bring your lunch and your curiosity as we study the parables of Jesus.

Please Note Sunday school Schedule Change on Sundays, *November 15 and December 6,* Sunday school at Federated will beheld on 8:30am to practice for the Christmas Program. There will still be arts and crafts after the Children's Message on those Sundays as well.

Zipporah Bible Study will not meet in November or December. Watch for details about the January meeting date/time.

Corn for Christ and Lattes for the Lord Fusion Fundraiser: Farmers, donating just one 1⁄2-acre row of corn ($4.25 rate) is a $112 gift. Eight rows can provide $996. Coffee drinkers – One month of buying for yourself and another for the Lord can provide a gift of $125. Any amount is a huge blessing. Just drop a check off at your home church with "Fusion Fundraiser" in the memo line. THANK YOU!

Seniors on the Move Elder Visit Program on Saturdays, November 14 (at West Wind Village) and November 21 (at Skyview). Senior on the Move will be volunteering with the UMM students with their Elder Visit Program. The students will plan an activity, and we will provide fellowship and helping hands. Meet on Common Cup at 12:30pm for a bite to eat. We can then carpool to each location where we will meet up with the students around 1:30pm.

Advent at the Movies Join us on Sunday November 29 right after worship at First Lutheran for a showing on the family-friendly movie *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in the Theatre Room. The movie will correspond with Pastor Matt's sermon that Sunday; he is doing an "Advent at the Movies" sermon series this Advent. We'll have popcorn buffet and you're invited to bring a topping to share; such as M&M's, peanuts, etc. Everyone is welcome to this all age event.

Thanksgiving Service There will be a Thanksgiving Service on *Tuesday, November 24 at Federated at 6:30pm*. The church offices will be closed Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week.

LCM Sunday Table Meals Support the LCM Sunday meals by using this link: ummicm.org/support/lcm

Bible Camp Scholarships Available Luther Crest Bible Camp Early Bird registration for the 2027 camping year begins on November 1st. First Lutheran has a scholarship fund which is available to youth and families from our congregation who would like to attend Bible Camp. We will provide up to $250 for each individual youth who would like to go to camp. If you are interested, please let Rita know at the church office or contact a member of church council.

Joint Choir Practice at FEDERATED meets each Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Olivewood Carvings for Sale Carvings are available throughout the year by calling the church office or contacting a committee member. Items located in the glass case of the Gathering Room (upper level) are available. Payment options are: Venmo, cash, or a check payable to The Olivewood Project.

Pastor Matt at Common Cup on *Thursdays from 11:00am-1:00pm.* Come by for a cup of coffee or just to say hello.

Kongsvinger Fall Festival on *Sunday, November 22 from 11:00am – 1:00pm.* (3 miles north of Donnelly on County Road 9) Menu includes: grilled pork chop, baked potato, candied carrots, salads, dessert, rolls, pickles, coffee and milk. Cost: $15 adults, $7 children ages 10 and under. A quilt raffle and bake sale will also take place featuring homemade lefse, holiday items and Scandinavian goodies. All are welcome!

Pastoral Visits If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office. Hospital and nursing home staff cannot contact the church without permission.